KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 13, 1996

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 1996 in the board room of the Education Building, 120 SE 10th in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Steve Abrams
William Musick
Kevin Gilmore *
I.B. "Sonny" Rundell
Mike Gragert
Mandy Specht
Harold Hosey
Kathleen White
Mildred McMillon

* Mr. Gilmore joined the meeting at 1:50 p.m. during the presentation on National Board Certification.

Member absent:

Wanda Morrison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Abrams pulled from the consent agenda item f. involving a contract with the University of Georgia. Mrs. McMillon pulled item m. on the Carl Perkins competitive grants. Dr. Abrams moved approval of the agenda as amended; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On page 6 of the July 9 minutes, Mr. Gragert asked to record the fifth " no" vote on the failed motion involving the Board's legislative request to give each school district a technology grant of $20 per pupil. Mrs. McMillon indicated that she voted "no" because the funding was not adequate. Her name was added to the list on page 6. Mr. Musick moved approval of the minutes as amended; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

A CLOSER LOOK: discussion with parents

Chairman White welcomed the parents and thanked Ms. Debbie Taylor, president of the Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, who organized the panel. Ms. Taylor introduced the four parents: Ms. Earlene Goff from the Haysville school district, Ms. Jerri Ruiz from Kansas City, Kansas, Ms. Emma Bixby from Salina, and Mr. Richard Kraemer from Hays. Each parent provided individual comments based on experiences in the local schools and made suggestions to the Board. Following the presentations, there was general discussion.

Chairman White called at ten-minute break at 10:50 a.m.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman White opened the Forum at 11:00. Two persons presented to the Board:

- Sue Chase, KNEA
- David DePue, Kansas Foundation for Partnership in Education

Chairman White closed the Forum at 11:12 a.m.

STATE ASSESSMENTS: 1996 report

Dr. Sharon Freden, assistant commissioner for Learning Services, introduced Dr. John Poggio, co-director of the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation at the University of Kansas. Dr. Poggio answered questions from State Board members and explained the results of the assessments in reading, mathematics and writing that were administered during the 1995-96 school year. Students in grades 4, 7, and 10 were tested in mathematics. Grades 3, 7, and 10 were tested in reading and grades 5, 8 and 10 in writing. He explained that with the writing exam, the district may opt to test other grades as well if it has an active program of writing instruction; however, only the results of grades 5, 8 and 10 are included in the state composite report.

Among the findings of the state-wide Assessment report were:

- Kansas students show gains on the Kansas Mathematics Assessment at all grade levels for the fourth straight year.

- While very few Kansas schools meet the Standards of Excellence in mathematics, the number has grown from 1995. The number of schools meeting the Standards of Excellence in reading has also grown from 1995. In the writing assessment, ten to twenty percent of schools are achieving the Standards of Excellence on ideas and content, on voice, on sentence fluency, and on conventions at all grade levels. (The Standard of Excellence generally indicated that 75-80% of the questions were answered correctly in the average building score.)
- Kansas students as a group continue to show strong skills in reading.
- Kansas students are scoring at or slightly above the midpoint across all of the six-trait scale at all grade levels on the writing assessment.

Dr. Poggio commented that strong improvement in the writing test results demonstrate that significant progress can be made with effective staff development. He also indicated that some national test questions were included in the Kansas Assessments so that Kansas will have comparative data this year.

At 12:25 p.m., Chairman White called a lunch recess during which she and Mr. Gragert participated in a press conference. The meeting resumed at 1:50 p.m.

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

Mr. Ken Bungert, director of Certification and Teacher Education, provided information about the benefits and costs of National Board Certification. He showed incentives that other states have offered to teachers, including salary supplements and licensure renewal. Dr. Leo Pauls, director of the Jones Institute at Emporia State University answered questions.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE GRANTS

Ms. Judi Miller, consultant in Program Support Services, reviewed the survey that staff conducted at the request of the State Board with the intent of determining to what extent the programs were still in existence and to what degree they have served as models for other schools in Kansas. Ms. Miller reported that most of the programs which began with grant funding are still in place. 90% of recipients have had visitors from other districts. 92% received requests about their grants. Of the 64 responses, 28 said that they knew other schools were planning to adopt or had adopted programs based on their models.

ACCREDITATION: Quality Performance Accreditation

Mr. Craig Shove, director of the Outcomes Education Team, presented the recommendations. Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board of Education approve accreditation status for the following schools: USD 244 Burlington - Burlington High; USD 248 Girard - Girard High; USD 288 Central Heights - Central Heights High; USD 292 Wheatland - Wheatland Elementary and Wheatland Middle/Senior High; USD 293 Quinter - Quinter Elementary and Quinter Junior/Senior High; USD 298 Lincoln - Lincoln Elementary; USD 305 Salina - Salina High Central and Salina High South; USD 323 Rock

Creek - St. George Elementary, Westmoreland Elementary, and Rock Creek Junior/Senior High; USD 341 Oskaloosa - Oskaloosa Elementary, Oskaloosa Middle, and Oskaloosa High; USD 345 Seaman - Rochester Elementary; USD 347 Kinsley - Offerle Middle and Kinsley High; USD 351 Macksville - Macksville Elementary and Macksville High; USD 355 Ellinwood - Ellinwood Elementary, Ellinwood Junior High, and Ellinwood High School; USD 408 Marion - Florence Elementary; USD 418 McPherson - Roosevelt Elementary; USD 428 Great Bend - Eisenhower Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Morrison Elementary, Riley Elementary, Washington Elementary, and Great Bend Middle School; USD 431 Hoisington - Roosevelt Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Hoisington Middle School, and Hoisington High School; USD 457 Garden City - Victor Ornelas Elementary; USD 461 Neodesha - Heller Elementary and Neodesha High School; USD 475 Geary County- Junction City Senior High; USD 480 Liberal - McKinley Elementary, Liberal West Middle, and Liberal Senior High; USD 483 Kismet-Plains - Plains Elementary, Kismet Elementary, and Southwestern Heights High School; USD 494 Syracuse - Syracuse Elementary and Syracuse High School. The motion was seconded by Dr. Abrams, and the motion carried.

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board of Education approve conditional accreditation status for the following schools:

USD 242 Weskan - Weskan Elementary and high School, and USD 457 Garden City - Edith Scheuerman Elementary; seconded by Dr. Abrams, and the motion carried.

QUARTERLY REPORT: Kansas State School for the Deaf

Mr. Johnson, superintendent, explained outreach and evaluation, and the capitol improvement plan, and responded to questions.

QUARTERLY REPORT: Kansas State School for the Blind

Mr. Bill Daugherty, superintendent, reviewed the building program and other issues in his report, and answered questions.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

A. Budget request: Kansas State School for the Blind

Mr. Daugherty presented his budget recommendations. Mr. Rundell moved approval of the budget for the Kansas State School for the Blind for fiscal year 1998; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Budget request: Kansas State School for the Deaf

Mr. Johnson presented his recommendations for the fiscal year 1998 budget. Mr. Rundell moved

approval of the budget; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

C. Kansas State Board of Education Budget

Mr. Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, reviewed the state general fund situation. The State Board then began its deliberations on budget recommendations for the 1997 legislative session.

Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Recommendations:

1. Board members agreed to make a supplemental request for fiscal year 1997 funding of membership dues to the Education Commission of the States.

2. Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board recommend funding 3,000 at-risk four-year old children in approved districts. District would be given the opportunity to count each student a .5 FTE under the School District Finance and Quality Performance Act; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Members agreed by consensus to recommend full funding of the inservice education state aid formula in 1997-98.

4. Parents as Teachers: Members agreed by consensus to recommend funding of the current law which is $3,000,000. Mr. Gilmore moved that the State Board include in its legislative recommendations a proposed study of a sliding scale fee for students that are in the program over one year for the purpose of increasing participation; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion carried on a 7 to 2 vote. Voting "no" were Mr. Musick and Mrs. White.

5. School District Finance and Quality Performance Act:

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board recommend increasing the base state aid per pupil from $3,648 to $4,000; and accelerate funding for the last year of correlation weighting; and increase weighting from .05 to .10 for at-risk pupils currently calculated by multiplying the number of pupils who qualify for free meals under the National School Lunch Program by .10. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rundell and passed on a 6 to 3 vote. Voting "no" were Dr. Abrams, Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Musick.

6. Dr. Hosey moved that the State Board recommend state funding of special education at 90% of excess cost; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion carried on a 7 to 2 vote with Mr. Rundell and Mrs. McMillon voting "no."

7. Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board recommend an increase of $3.00 per credit hour in state aid for community colleges; an increase of $4.00 per credit hour in out-district state aid; an increase of $4.00 per credit hour for out-district tuition; and an increase of vocational credit hours to 2.0 for all institutions; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. Mr. Gilmore moved that the State Board recommend an increase by 5.0 percent in the area vocational-technical schools postsecondary aid; seconded by Mr. Musick, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. Mr. Musick moved that the State Board recommend $3,000,000 in state capital outlay funds for area vocational-technical schools for instructional equipment; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion carried.

10. Dr. Hosey moved that the State Board recommend an increase of $385,000 over fiscal year 1997 in Adult Basic Education; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. Mrs. McMillon moved that the State Board recommend $2,000,000 for the Educational Excellence Grant program for one more year; seconded by Mr. Musick, and the motion carried on a 7 to 2 vote. Voting "no" were Dr. Abrams and Mr. Rundell.

12. Mr. Musick moved that the State Board recommend funding $10,000 to each school district plus $26.84 per FTE student in technology grants; seconded by Mrs. McMillon. The motion failed with only 4 affirmative votes by Mrs. McMillon, Dr. Hosey, Mr. Musick, and Mr. Rundell. Mr. Gilmore moved an amendment that the State Board recommend $7,500 for each school district plus $17.33 per FTE student for technology grants; seconded by Mrs. Specht. The estimated cost is $10,000,000. When the first vote was taken, it failed on a 5 to 4 vote with supporters Mr. Gragert, Mr. Gilmore, Dr. Abrams, Mrs. White, and Mrs. Specht. Once Mr. Musick's motion failed, the motion by Mr. Gilmore was again voted and passed on an 8 to 1 vote with the "no" vote by Dr. Abrams.

13. Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board recommend funding $20,000 for the Kansas Heritage Center - the same budget as in fiscal years 1996 and 1997; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried with one abstention by Dr. Hosey.

14. Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board recommend funding the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom $25,000 - the same amount appropriated for fiscal year 1997; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

15. Mrs. Specht moved that the State Board request $75,000 to fund the school visit discovery programs and expand the teacher in-service opportunities at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, with provision for a dollar for dollar local match; seconded by Mr. Musick, and the motion failed on a 5 to 4 vote. Voting "no" were Dr. Abrams, Mrs. McMillon, Mr. Rundell, and Mrs. White. Dr. Hosey moved that the State Board recommend $50,000 to fund the school visit discovery programs and to expand teacher in-service opportunities at the Cosmosphere; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion failed on a 5 to 4 vote with the same dissenters.

16. State Board members reviewed possible options to support teachers in the National Board

certification process. Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board recommend funding $10,000 for a support system and $10,000 in loans pro rata with the provision that one-half will be forgiven upon completion of the application and the entire amount forgiven if certification is awarded. Following discussion, Dr. Abrams changed the motion to read: The State Board will recommend funding $20,000 to be awarded to teachers who pursue National Board Certification, with one-half of the application fee paid as a grant - not to exceed $1,000 per teacher - and the provision that a screening panel will determine the recipients; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion failed on a 5 to 4 vote. Voting "no" were Dr. Hosey, Mrs. McMillon, Mr. Musick, and Mr. Rundell.

17. In response to questions, Dr. Freden provided additional information about the Kansas Writing Assessment process. Mr. Nitcher, director of Agency Budgeting and Program Accounting, provided information about budgeted and actual costs from fiscal year 1994 to the present. Mr. Musick moved that the State Board proceed with its scoring and training activities as currently done with the Kansas Writing Assessment; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried on an 8 to 1 vote with Dr. Abrams voting "no."

Mr. Dennis ended the legislative session by reviewing new staff positions recommended in the budget and reporting briefly on legislative committees.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Abrams indicated that questions regarding item f. had been answered and Mrs. McMillon indicated that she had no further questions. Dr. Abrams moved approval of the entire consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Rundell, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

STATE BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- Received monthly personnel report
- Confirmed appointment of Kelly McAllister to an unclassified special project position under Services for Students with Severe Disabilities Systems Change grant, effective July 14.
- Approved school construction plans for: Conway Springs USD 356, Argonia Public Schools USD 359, Olathe USD 233 (two), Prairie View USD 362, Russell County USD 407, Clay Center USD 379, Eudora USD 491, Southern Lyon USD 252, Church of the Nativity, Newton USD 373, Winfield USD 465, Jefferson County North USD 339, Hutchinson USD 308, Paola USD 368, Riverton USD 404, Wichita USD 259, Liberal Area Vocational School, Topeka USD 501, Franklin County Educational Opportunity Center, Parsons USD 503, Ellsworth USD 327, Moscow Public Schools USD 209, Beloit USD 273, Emporia USD 253, Turner-Kansas City USD 202, and Ottawa USD 290.
- Approved The Independent School of Wichita for reinstatement to the list of accredited schools for the 1996-97 school year.
- Received the LEA allotments for Title I, Title II, and Title VI for the school year 1996-97.
- Approved Quality Performance Accreditation requests for: Barnes USD 223, Paola USD 368,

Sedgwick USD 439.

- Approved the inservice plans for: Piper USD 203, Bonner Springs USD 204, Ell-Saline USD 307, Wichita USD 259, West Graham-Moreland USD 280, Comanche County USD 300, Bazine USD 304, Nickerson USD 309, Lorraine USD 328, Stafford USD 349, Paola USD 368, Peabody-Burns USD 398, Osage City USD 420, Nemaha Valley USD 442, Hesston USD 460, Arkansas City USD 470, Junction City USD 475, Liberal USD 480, Herington USD 487, Flinthills USD 492, Kansas City USD 500, Three Lakes Educational Cooperative Interlocal 620, Diocese of Kansas City, Kansas District Lutheran Schools.
- Approved special education waiver requests for: Southwest Kansas Area Cooperative and Lawrence USD 497.
- Issued certificates of approval to these proprietary schools: Career Education Systems, Inc. (Kansas City, Missouri), Stanley H. Kaplan Education Center, Ltd. (Lawrence and Shawnee Mission), TAD Technical Institute (Kansas City, Missouri), Kansas School of Real Estate - Parklane (Wichita), Stuppy's Mid-America School of Floral Design (Topeka), Institute for Continuing Education, Inc. (Rosemont, Illinois), and Jackson Hewitt Tax School (Kansas City, Kansas).
- Accepted the revisions to the Kansas Requirements for Educational Interpreters.
- Approved the applications for funding of Carl Perkins Tech Prep Continuation grants for fiscal year 1997: Flint Hills Technical College, Wichita Area Technical College, Colby Community College, Hutchinson Community College, Kansas City Kansas Community College, and Kansas State University - Salina.
- Approved the applications for funding of Carl Perkins competitive grants for fiscal year 1997, made available to local education agencies for programs to serve Single Parents, Displace Homemakers, Sex Equity, Skill Training/ Supportive Services and Corrections.
- Approved the 1996-97 Calendar of Activities for Vocational Student Organizations.
- Approved a grant for Kansas Internship for a teacher at North Central Kansas Technical College.
- Set public hearings on driver education regulations and amended teacher certification regulations for November 12, 1996 at 1:30 in the State Board Room.

Contract Approved:

The Commissioner was authorized to contract with the Interactive Teacher Network of the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia to provide broadcasts to be used for staff development at the inservice and preservice level, with the contract amount not to exceed $4,000.

New Business

Mr. Gragert presented the proficiency standards established by the local Wichita schools and invited Board members to the open house of the Edison project school in the district.

Chairman White called a recess for the day at 4:40 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 1996 in the board room of the Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Steve Abrams
Bill Musick
Kevin Gilmore
I.B. "Sonny" Rundell
Mike Gragert
Mandy Specht
Harold Hosey
Kathleen White
Mildred McMillon

Member absent:

Wanda Morrison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Abrams moved approval of the agenda as distributed; seconded by Mrs. Specht and the motion carried.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION PROGRAM: Garden City Community College

Mr. Ferman Marsh, assistant commissioner of Lifelong Learning, introduced Dr. James Tangemann, President of Garden City Community College. Dr. Tangemann introduced Dr. Gary Jarmer, dean of Technical Education, who spoke briefly about the ammonia refrigeration program and showed a video of the instructional work site they have built at the community college. Dr. Tangemann also introduced Mr.

Kent Anderson, executive director of the International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration. Mr. Anderson described the assistance the Institute has provided to Garden City and showed one of the teaching video tapes developed for use in the Kansas program. Mr. LeRoy Molsebee, retired executive in ammonia refrigeration, also expressed his support for Garden City's new training program. Dr. Tangemann, Mr. Anderson and Dr. Jarmer responded to questions in a dialogue session with the Board members.

Mr. Sonny Rundell left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

INTERLOCAL: withdrawal of Dodge City USD 443

Mr. Marsh described the hearing and presented the rational by the hearing panel for refusing the request by Dodge City to withdraw from the special education interlocal. Dr. Abrams moved that the State Board of Education reject the recommendation of the hearing panel and approve the request of USD 443 Dodge City to withdraw from the special education interlocal cooperative of which it is a member. Dr. Abrams' motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board accept the recommendation of the hearing panel and deny the request of USD 443 to withdraw from the interlocal; seconded by Mr. Musick and the motion carried on a 6 to 1 vote, with Dr. Abrams voting "no" and Dr. Hosey abstaining.

Mr. Rundell rejoined the meeting following the vote.

LAND TRANSFER

Mr. Kevin Ireland, hearing officer, presented the facts, explained his recommendation, and responded to questions. Dr. Abrams moved that the petition filed by USD 392 Osborne to transfer territory from USD 399 Paradise to USD 392 Osborne be denied; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ARTS EDUCATION

Dr. Sharon Freden, assistant commissioner for Learning Services, introduced Ms. Dee Hansen, consultant in the Outcomes Education Team, who thanked the Board for its support of quality in arts education. She reported that the guidelines for art education -- tARgeTS -- are now being used widely in schools with the Quality Performance Accreditation process, and that state music standards are under development. She announced that the Kansas Arts Alliance and Wichita USD 259 received a grant to establish an arts partnership through National Young Audiences, Inc. Mr. Tom Klocke, Arts in Education Program Consultant, Kansas Arts Commission, reported that the Arts Commission is experiencing a 50% cut from the National Endowment for the Arts in the Arts in Education program. As a result, grants to Kansas agencies have been cut and schools cannot apply directly to the Commission for grants. Ms. Connie Burket, executive director, Kansas Alliance for Arts Education, reported on the Goals 2000 Arts Leadership Grant to give schools and communities the benefit of improved education in

the arts. Mr. Sharon Fox, Tech Prep Coordinator for Kansas State University - Salina, discussed the relationship between applied trades and the arts.

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE PLAN

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board of Education approve the State Administrative Expense (SAE) Plan for fiscal year 1997; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried.

NUTRITION EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM: fiscal year 1997 preliminary review

Ms. Rita Hamman, director of Nutrition Services, provided information about goals accomplished in fiscal year 1996 and discussed upcoming plans. She and Mr. Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, responded to questions.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD: appointments

Mr. Ken Bungert presented information about a recommended reappointment. Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board of Education reappoint Ms. Neoma Bates to her first three-year term of office from July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1999. Board members then made nominations and appointed five new members to four representative areas.

Representative of Classroom Teachers

Mrs. Specht nominated Mr. Chuck Tilman, Ottawa. Mr. Gilmore nominated Ms. Christy Levings, Olathe. Mr. Musick nominated Mr. Tom Brundgart, Junction City. Following a show of hands for the three candidates, Mr. Tilman and Mr. Brungardt were appointed by acclamation.

Representative of Special Education Administrators

Mr. Rundell and Mr. Gilmore nominated Ms. Barbara Palmer, Ulysses. She was appointed by acclamation.

Representative for Area Vocational School Administrators

Ms. Jean Mitchell, Topeka, was appointed by acclamation.

Representative for Area Vocational School Teachers

Mr. Gragert and Mr. Gilmore nominated Ms. Teresa Morlan. Ms. Morlan was appointed by acclamation.

CERTIFICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Board members made nominations for the two positions. Mr. Rundell nominated Mr. Dan Kolb, Dodge City. Mr. Gilmore nominated Ms. Christy Levings, Olathe. Mr. Gragert nominated Ms. Valerie Johnson-Powell, Lawrence. Following a show of hands for the three candidates, Mr. Kolb and Ms. Levings were appointed by acclamation to serve on the Certification Review Committee as representatives for classroom teachers.

VISITING SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board of Education grant the seven requests for visiting scholar permits; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The applications were granted for the 1996 - 97 school year for:

- Mervat A. Ibrahim to teach Arabic at the Shawnee Mission Center for International Studies;
- Mr. Richard Harrison to serve as a behavior analyst at the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center;
- Ms. Carol Tilton and Mr. Craig Parlato to teach students with autism at Quail Run Elementary in Lawrence USD 497;
- Mr. Kevin Brothers to teach teachers of students with autism in Lawrence USD 497;
- Mr. Bobby Walter Bell, Jr. to teach German at Southeast Kansas Education Service Center; and
- Mr. Banks Randall Chamberlain to teach Japanese at the Shawnee Mission Center for International Studies.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Mr. Gragert moved approval of the requests by Board members for travel as listed; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

DELEGATE TO THE NASBE ANNUAL MEETING

By acclamation, Mr. Musick was named delegate to the National Association of State Boards of Education annual meeting in October. Mr. Kevin Gilmore was named the alternate delegate.

MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Report of the Board Chairman

Chairman White reported that the Kansas Council on the Future of Postsecondary Education determined that it will continue its planning initiative. The Executive Committee met recently and developed a timetable for the planning process, with a deadline of June, 1997. Mr. Gragert added that the Joint Advisory Committee on Governance will meet in the fall. He suggested that the two groups be composed of different members, and urged Dr. Tompkins to talk with the Board of Regents about

resuming these meetings. Dr. Tompkins reviewed briefly his report to the Legislative Educational Planning Committee on August 13. Mrs. White then asked Board members to preside at the upcoming public hearings on the Quality Performance Accreditation regulations.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Dan Biles, attorney for the board, reported that he had testified before the Legislative Task Force on School Finance, and distributed his testimony. He also reported briefly on civil rights investigations. Mr. Gilmore moved approval of payment to Mr. Biles for services and expenses as attorney for the board according to his itemized bill; seconded by Mr. Rundell, and the motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Dr. Andy Tompkins, Commissioner of Education, reviewed briefly his written report, and asked Mr. Dennis to discuss the federal impact aid and current federal legislation. Mr. Musick, the State Board's Legislative Coordinator, reported on meetings with the Legislative Education Planning Committee and other legislative activities.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.